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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 21, 2015 - For the week ending September 20, 2015, Nebraska experienced temperatures two to eight degrees above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Most of the State received up to an inch of rain. The warm conditions helped boost crop maturity and facilitated the dry down process. Preparations for harvest were ongoing, with soybean and high moisture corn harvest underway in some areas. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 29 short, 60 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 27 short, 65 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 54 good, and 20 excellent. Corn dented was at 93 percent, equal to last year, and near 97 for the five-year average. Mature was at 47 percent, equal to last year, and near 48 average. Harvested was at 5 percent, near 3 last year and 9 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 58 good, and 16 excellent. Sorghum coloring was at 94 percent, near 93 last year and 90 average. Mature was at 35 percent, ahead of 23 last year and 22 average. Harvested was at 1 percent, equal to both last year and the average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 56 good, and 17 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was at 65 percent, ahead of 51 last year and 49 average. Harvested was at 3 percent, near 1 last year and 4 average.

Winter wheat planted was at 49 percent, near 52 last year and 46 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 28 fair, 54 good, and 13 excellent. Alfalfa fourth cutting was at 79 percent, ahead of 62 last year and 66 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 68 good, and 7 excellent. Dry edible beans dropping leaves was at 95 percent, ahead of 84 for both last year and the average. Harvested was at 47 percent, ahead of 37 last year and 39 average.

Proso millet harvested was at 69 percent, well ahead of 31 last year and 47 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 9 short, 88 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and Nebraska Extension.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2015/CropProg-09-21-2015.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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